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The name of this society is the
"Alaskan Society of Sitka."

II.

The purpose is to collect and preserve information in regard to the arts, history, language, religion and folk-lore of the native population of Alaska, and also in regard to the structure, climate, mineral resources, flora and fauna of the country; and, in brief, to observe, collect, record and publish facts in regard to the entire territory ~~and~~ continental and insular.

III.

The members of the association are the undersigned founders, and such others as may from time to time be elected to membership in the classes below named, - (ladies as well as gentlemen being

Eligible):-

A. Resident members, to be chosen from the residents of Sitka, who by their tastes, studies or pursuits are qualified to promote the objects of the association

B. Corresponding members, to be chosen among those who have been in Alaska, as residents or visitors, and of Officers of the military, naval and civil services of the United States who have been stationed in Alaska, it being understood that they are interested in the work of the society and are willing to make an entrance contribution of \$5.00 or more towards its support.

C. Honorary members, ~~not more than~~ [twelve] ~~in number~~, to be chosen from those who have in any way distinguished themselves in promoting the study of Alaskan geography, natural history, ethnography or other branches of sciences

IV.

The Directors shall consist of a Pres'dt
Vice Pres'dt and a Secretary who shall
also be Treasurer, and of two additional
directors all of whom shall be chosen by
the resident members to hold office for a
year and until their successors are
chosen.

V.

An annual report shall be made and printed
by the Directors and sent to all the members.
Scientific ^{papers} may be published from time to time
in the name of the society, after they have received
the approval of a committee of expert persons to
be designated by the Directors.

VI

The constitution may be amended at the an-
nual meeting by the assent of a majority
of the resident members. By-laws shall
be adopted from time to time to provide

Alaskan Soc of Sitka

Sitka Mission
Buildings
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for the carrying out of the principles of
this constitution

Sitka Alaska.

August 1st 1887.

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C. B. Farwell, Chicago, Ill.

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Sheeldon Jackson Sitka Alaska

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Pres. Johns Hopkins University

D. C. Gilman,

Baltimore Md.

Pres. S. C. A. Training College

Nicholas Murray Butler,

New York City

Erwin Hale Abbot, Milwaukee, Wis.

Louis Dyer, Cambridge Mass.

John P. ... New York

Pd \$5 = Thomas Hill Artist. San Francisco Cal.

Pd \$5 = Elliott F. Shepard, New York

pa \$5 = A. E. Young, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Pd 5⁰⁰ Tho N Strong Portland Oregon

Pd 5⁰⁰ Fred. J. Hude Trenton N. J.

pa 1⁰⁰ R. M. Baker

Mary Avering Maxwell

pa Gertrude Brett Lansing

pd Anna R. Kelsey.

pa R. A. Lee.

pa Virginia M. Pugh

pd Ida M. Rodgers.

John G. Brady per S. J.

Susan S. Minans.

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Museum at Sitka, Alaska,

Original Organization "Alaskan Society of Sitka"
Name: now Alaskan Society of Natural History + Ethnology.

Purpose

Members'

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Signatures

Contributions

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656, South Hill St
Los Angeles Cal
March 11th 1895

John J. Smith

Rev Sheldon Jackson
General Agent of Education
for Alaska
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Doctor

Your letter dated Feb 25th was received and I have been carefully considering the matter before replying. My business arrangements are such that I can not very well spare so much time, as it will require to make the trip to Sitka & give the necessary instructions. Yet I am so impressed with the great benefit it may be to the natives as you say, that I have decided to postpone certain business arrangements I had made, and to make the trip to Sitka as you desire. I should think this method of building would be well adapted for the natives further north also, where they so much need cheap but warm, comfortable, & healthy homes. For a building of this material while it is absolutely fireproof, is also very warm as well as making a substantial & pretty appearance — If you could get the natives interested in building new homes for themselves in this way, combined with the great and lasting benefits you are deriving to these people, by your introduction of the Reindeer in Alaska, it will lift this people from poverty & starvation to comfort

and happiness, that will elevate & improve beyond
reckoning the whole of that race, and with all these
improvements you are endeavoring to bring about, how
much easier it will be to reach these people with the
blessed gospel of our Lord & Master — When you
write again, I wish you would say whether the natives
can ^{get} any lumber fit for building purposes at anything like
reasonable rates. For if lumber is not convenient for
them to get, we shall have to show them how to construct
houses with as little lumber as possible — and we can get
along without, except for doors & windows — We can use
this graft work both for floors & roofs, but it will be
necessary to show them how to use it for roof purposes,
“also please write me, what is the price of lime & cement at
Sitka as far as you know — & whether lime is found in any
quantities in Alaska or not. If the natives could get lime
anywhere, reasonably cheap, they would need very little of
anything except their labor — The number of barrils
of lime that will be needed for a building the size
you specify will be from 175 to 185 according to the
kind of gravel we shall have to use. If there are plenty
of good sized stone, it will take much less lime than
if the gravel consists largely of sand, and if lime is

Very expensive in Sitka even a less amount will
do, say 160 barrels, but it will then take a little longer to set
& more time in mixing - the secret of success with this
material is in the mixing, & while it is very simple, yet
it is all important, to make good work - the more perfect
and thoroughly the lime is mixed with the gravel, the less time
it will take - Unless cement is quite cheap at
Sitka, I think a wood floor would be cheapest - as we
shall need some boards to make the moulds as we put up
the walls, and these boards could be used for the floor
also, we were done with them, as using them for the moulds
would not spoil them for flooring - "But if you think
a cement floor best for your purpose, it will take
about 36 barrels of Portland Cement, this would give
you a 1st class floor, but again, if this kind of cement is
expensive, about one half the amount will answer, but
will make a thinner coating, yet it would give you
8 or 10 years good service, at the end of which time you
might want to make changes or additions to your
building. - About what time would you want us to
leave Los Angeles, I am at present just completing
a 50 room hotel here - and expect to complete the building
early in April - I have then some other business to attend to

but I can manage to be ready to go early in May, & will try to be ready by the time you desire us to go north —

Mrs. — send many thanks to you for inviting her to make the trip — and while she is somewhat afraid of an ocean journey — yet I think she will enjoy it — she wishes to know what she could take up to the Mission that would be useful & helpful —

With regard to paying me compensation, I should like very much to give my services, and in the near future I hope to be able to help somewhat financially the work of missions in Alaska — but at present I am not in a position to do much, as I have been under considerable expense here, and my business returns will not come in for several months yet, so while I am left to draw on your funds, if you could pay me about \$50 — on leaving Sitka, it would help pay incidental expenses which naturally occur on a trip of this kind —

Your reports received with many thanks, they are very full & complete & extremely interesting. — If you still think it best for me to go to Sitka, please send me all the information about price of supplies, amount of time &c, so I can prepare myself to reach them the method most adapted to their needs. Very truly Yours,

J. L. Smith
656, So - Hill St

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Apr 20 1895

June 7 1895

Mr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir,

Your letter, & the plan & specifications, received all right. I think my idea of adopting the octagon form is good on - as giving you the most room at the least expense. But for a building the height of a museum building with the weight of roof that will come on it, I think it will be best to use cement & gravel, instead of lime & gravel - You could have the roof & everything made of cement, & it would be then absolutely fireproof, & I believe this would be the very best thing for a building in the Alaskan climate. I have been very much interested in reading your report, & I have been giving some little study to a plan of building which I believe will be far superior to any other building for Arctic Alaska. I am sure you have not seen a building like

will keep the frost out & at the same time
be dry & comfortable, building built from
grout or cement will give you houses that
^{1st} are absolutely fireproof - 2nd will be much
warmer than any other material & 3rd will
be much cheaper - where your labor is cheap
& where you have to send your lumber
so far - "I think it is more than likely
that cement stone can be found in most
parts of Arctic Alaska, which the natives
could get to burn for themselves, & with
plenty of gravel & sand they would need
very little else to make themselves
comfortable & healthy homes" I
think it would be better for you not to
purchase any building materials for the museum
building, until after we have considered
one or two suggestions I would like to
make to you, which would be a good saving
in the cost of the building &c. "I was very
much pleased to hear you intended to
call at Los Angeles, on your way to the
Pacific Coast, I am trying to hurry my
work through so that I may be ready to

go along with you when you come if
possible. And if everything goes
along satisfactory, I think I can be ready
by May 1st or thereabouts, wishing you
a pleasant journey. I remain

Very Sincerely

Yours,

John E. Smith

656. So Hill St.

Los Angeles

Calif.

Seattle, Wash. 5/22 1895

Mr. Sheldon Jackson
Sitter

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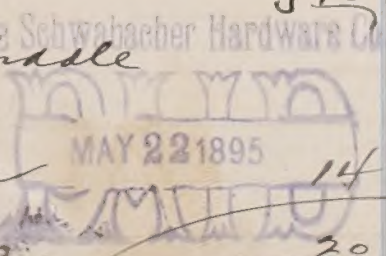
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Sitka. 1895

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